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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Morale in the rebel camp is declining rapidly, but there is still likely to be rebel resistance to the proposed solution to the crisis which the OAS committee plans to submit to the Dominican people today.

(Even members of the militant hard-line Communist groups are [] demoralized. The members of one rebel commando unit, which is composed wholly of adherents of the Marxist-Leninist Dominican Popular Movement (MPD), are [] terrified by the US troops who moved close to the commando headquarters during the fighting on Tuesday.)

[] the rebels have become badly demoralized since Tuesday and that three commando units had to be disbanded. There are also widespread rumors of a disagreement among top rebel leaders.

Non-Communist adherents of the rebel camp are now speaking in terms of the need for rebel concessions. The rebel radio, amid its customary declarations of willingness to fight to the end against the "aggression," carried one statement yesterday to the effect that the rebel government must "swallow its tears" and proceed with negotiations.

In contrast to the heavy rebel military action earlier this week, yesterday there were only two reported instances of firing from rebel territory.

There has as yet been no reported response in the interior this week to extremist calls for countrywide uprisings. Nevertheless, hard-line militants probably still hope for such action.

[] rebel sympathizers are planning an attack soon on a police or army fortress in the south coast town of Bani.

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Bulgaria: [Todor Zhivkov may yet lose both the premiership and his post as party first secretary in the wake of the April plot against his regime,]

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[Recent events suggest that there have been difficulties in the Bulgarian party since the conspiracy and that Zhivkov appealed to Moscow for guidance and possibly help]

[Soviet party secretary Suslov, who visited Sofia and several provincial centers from 26 May to 4 June, has reportedly investigated opposition to Zhivkov. Suslov was possibly seeking a suitable successor from among such candidates as party secretary Grigorov--perhaps as party first secretary--and politburo member Zhivko Zhivkov--as premier]

[Todor Zhivkov, whose replacement has long been rumored, is not without support in the party, however. He received at least an indirect vote of confidence from the 10-11 June central committee plenum. He has made a strong bid for the backing of the party organization in the army.]

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Cyprus: [Archbishop Makarios, convinced that time is on his side, appears determined to avoid any new confrontation with Turkey]

[The Cypriot president told US Ambassador Belcher this week that he intends to maintain peaceful conditions on the island during the next few months. He warned, however, that any attempt during that period by the Turkish Cypriots to establish a separate state or legal manifestations of statehood would cause a "response" from his government]

[Makarios expressed pessimism that current Greek-Turkish negotiations would lead to a settlement. Belcher notes that he appears convinced, however, that only military action by Ankara could now prevent eventual Greek control of the entire island either through enosis or a unitary independent state run by the Greek Cypriots.]

[Makarios has decided against holding elections at this time, and intends to have a law promulgated which will extend the life of the present government beyond 16 August, when the terms of elected officials, including the president, expire. In the meantime he intends to seek support for his general position at the Afro-Asian conference in Algiers which opens on 29 June.]

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Common Market: [The French appear for the time being to have stalled the EEC Commission's proposals for financing the community's agricultural policy.]

[The EEC Council debate on Tuesday was marked by France's assertion that it no longer insists on early completion of the common agricultural policy (CAP). This change in strategy is evidently intended to undercut the commission's position that the prospect of early achievement of the CAP requires decisions now on "independent" community revenues and control of these funds by the European Parliament. The French favor only an "interim" agreement extending present arrangements for agricultural financing.]

[According to sources of the US Mission in Brussels, the Dutch--apparently still backed by the Italians--maintained their "determined support" for strengthening the European Parliament. The Germans, however, were "cautious" and reportedly not ready to do battle for the commission's proposals. A source in the commission admitted that hopes to "entrap" the French in the logic of the commission's proposals had failed, but he asserted that France's effort to sell the Six its solution had not yet worked either. The entire question of financing has been referred to the permanent representatives and will again be discussed by the council at the end of June.]

[*EEC President Hallstein believes the French position implies delaying the CAP and further development of the Common Market until 1970. He has expressed deep concern over this and the effect of such a delay on the Kennedy Round.]

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UN: [Secretary General Thant is considering a reorganization of the top staff of the UN that is likely to revive controversies over balanced representation such as occurred during the "troika" argument during 1960-61. He wants a full deputy and three additional deputies--above the level of the present undersecretary general--responsible for the political, the economic and social, and administrative areas respectively. Thant told an assistant he proposed to discuss his plan with the five permanent Security Council members early in 1966 and after receiving their reactions would decide whether to be a candidate for a further term as secretary general.]

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Rumania - Warsaw Pact: Friction between Rumania and the USSR over Warsaw Pact matters appears to be mounting. A high-level Soviet military delegation headed by Marshal Grechko, commander of Warsaw Pact forces, met with Rumanian Party First Secretary Ceausescu and top-level Rumanian military figures in Bucharest on 16 June. Like his visit to Bucharest late last month, when he met with Premier Maurer and Defense Minister Salajan, Grechko's latest visit apparently was related to Rumania's dissatisfaction with its Warsaw Pact relations. [A Rumanian official recently told a Western diplomat that his country wants to disassociate itself from the Warsaw Pact, while maintaining its alliance with the Soviets]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board on 17 June 1965 approved the following national intelligence estimate:

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NIE 98-65, "The Situation in Uruguay"

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